

An Amendment was filed August 12, 1997, in response to the Office Action of February 12, 1997. On page 9, lines 1 and 2 of the August 12, 1997 Amendment, it is stated that the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 11, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) as being anticipated by Karube (EP 0 215 669).

As was stated in the February 12, 1997 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Karube (EP 0 215 669).

The substitution of § 103(b) for § 102(b) was a typographic error. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration for the reasons set forth on page 9 of the August 12, 1997 Amendment. Namely, that claims 2, 11 and 16 depend from claim 1 or utilize the biosensor defined in claim 1. Claim 1, as amended, describes a biosensor on which is bound a carbohydrate derivative with an aglycon part. Karube discloses only sugars as a carbohydrate for use as a binding partner. The biosensor defined in claim 1 utilizes derivatized carbohydrates containing an aglycon part which are unique features of the biosensor and are undisclosed by Karube. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 11 and 16 describe a unique biosensor unanticipated by Karube.

For the reasons set forth in Applicants' August 12, 1997 Amendment, Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, definitely and distinctly claim the Applicants' immobilized carbohydrate biosensor. Furthermore, the Applicants' invention is neither anticipated by or obvious under the cited prior art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request favorable action in the form of allowance of the claims at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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